

REMARKS

In the above referenced office action, the Examiner has withdrawn the allowance of claims 13-21 and 46. Independent claims 13 and 46 have been currently amended. In addition, claims dependent on claim 13 have been amended as required to conform to the new wording of claim 13. Claims 52 and 53 have been added.

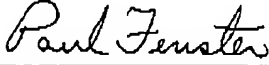
Claims 13-21 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Takeuchi, et al. In view of the above amendment and the following discussion, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Claims 13 and 46, as amended, now refer to supply of carrier liquid from a central source to *separate* printers. Takeuchi, on the other hand, shows a single printer (albeit with multiple stations). Applicants submit that while the term "individual imaging apparatus" as previously used in claim 46 does distinguish the claim over Takeuchi, in which the apparatus is a single imaging apparatus with multiple toning stations for the same image, and therefore that an amendment is not needed, applicants have amended claim 46 to conform to the wording of amended claim 13. In this regard, the amendment of claim 46 is purely cosmetic.

Claims 52 and 53 have been added to claim a features of the invention that were not claimed earlier.

A notice of allowance is respectfully awaited.

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